

REMARKS

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 have been amended to correct informalities and clarify the claim language.

The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite is respectfully traversed. The Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 as written is clear in that the translucent body and starting aid are made with the same high temperature material. Proper antecedent basis for “the high temperature material” has been provided. The claimed invention is in perfect agreement with the preferred embodiment discussed at paragraph 24 of the Specification.

The rejection of claim 1-4 and 6 under 102(b) as being anticipated by Sivaraman et al. is respectfully traversed. The Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has misconstrued the teaching of Sivaraman et al. In particular, the Examiner equates reference numeral 22 with both the translucent body and the discharge space of the arc tube. In fact, numeral 22 of Sivaraman et al. refers to the body portion of the discharge tube. Col. 3, lines 6-20. This corresponds to the Applicants’ claimed translucent body.¹ Moreover, the starting aid 24 of Sivaraman et al. is clearly shown in Fig. 2 to be bound to the exterior surface of the body of the discharge tube and not within the discharge space defined by the body. Col. 3, lines 12-17. The starting aid of the Applicants’ claimed invention is contained *within* the discharge space defined by the translucent body. Thus, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed invention is not anticipated by Sivaraman et al.

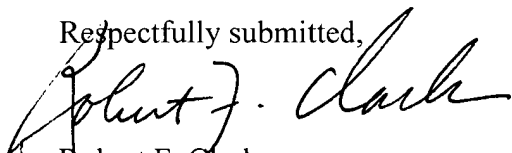
The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Scott et al. is respectfully traversed. The disclosure of Scott et al. is substantially similar to Sivaraman et al. The major difference is that the starting aid 24 of Scott et al. is covered with a refractory glass 25. However, like Sivaraman et al., Fig. 2 of Scott et al. clearly shows the starting aid 24 on the exterior surface of the body of the discharge tube 22 and not inside it. Since the starting aid of the Applicants’ claimed invention is contained *within* the discharge space defined by the

¹ It is not clear from Sivaraman et al. which portion of the lamp corresponds to discharge chamber 12 as this is not indicated in either figure and the description is somewhat ambiguous. The same comment applies to Scott et al. as the disclosures are substantially the same.

translucent body, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed invention is not anticipated by Scott et al.

In view of the foregoing amendment, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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